I urge you to reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160. Satellite radio services like XM and Sirius provide listeners with a greater variety of music and general content than local broadcast stations. Don't punish satellite radio services for "building a better mousetrap." Instead, force the local broadcasters' hand and make them improve their own content. I've been an XM radio listener for a couple years now and the primary reason is variety of content. Having local traffic and weather channels is an added benefit and one that keeps me tuned into my satellite radio over my local broadcast radio. If broadcast radio offered the sort of programming it did back in its heyday and didn't just play the same twenty songs over and over, I wouldn't be speaking out.

So, again, I urge you to reject petition 04-160 and start promoting variety in radio programming from wherever the signal originates, be it a satellite or a radio tower.

Thank you, Ed Lynn